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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. SOUND AND FURY OVER KENYA AND UGANDA

IN A JULY 18 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR SPAIN, TANZANIAN  
PRESIDENT NYERERE PLEADED FOR THE US TO DO WHAT IT COULD  
ABOUT KEEPING OUTSIDERS FROM BECOMING INVOLVED MILITARILY  
IN THE KENYA-UGANDA QUARREL. ACCORDING TO NYERERE:

--NEITHER KENYA NOR ANYONE ELSE IN EAST AFRICA HAS  
ANY REASON TO FEAR AMIN.

--HE IS "A LITTLE WORRIED" THAT US ACTIONS--SUCH AS  
THE JUSTIFICATION OF F-5 SALES, SECRETARY RUMSFELD'S  
NAIROBI VISIT, THE TASK FORCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN--  
MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED.

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AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: NYERERE HAS ALWAYS REACTED STRONGLY TO THE IDEA OF THE GREAT POWERS TRYING TO "BALANCE" EACH OTHER IN AFRICA. I DO NOT BELIEVE IT NECESSARY THAT THE US OFFER A "NON-INVOLVEMENT" STATEMENT SINCE THE MAIN TARGET OF THE GOT DEMARCHES MAY BE THE USSR OR EVEN THE UK.

MEANWHILE, EMBASSY NAIROBI REPORTS THAT:

--KENYA IS FEARFUL THAT A DELAY IN THE BRITISH SHIPMENT OF MUNITIONS COULD PROVOKE A PREEMPTIVE ATTACK BY AMIN, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE NEED FOR THE AIRLIFT WAS LEAKED TO THE BRITISH PRESS.

--KENYAN DEFENSE SECRETARY KIEREINI HAS AGREED TO THE PRESENCE OF A US DEFENSE LIAISON OFFICER IN NAIROBI-- PROVIDED CONTACTS WITH THE KENYAN MILITARY BE AUTHORIZED SOLELY BY HIM. (SECRET) DAR ES SALAAM 2606 (EXDIS); (CONFIDENTIAL) NAIROBI 7490 (EXDIS): 7487 (LIMDIS) AND (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) 7477, 7/19.)

## 2. REACTIONS TO SCHMIDT'S DISCLOSURE ON AID TO ITALY

EMBASSIES ROME AND PARIS HAVE ANALYZED REACTIONS GENERATED BY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S ELABORATION OF THE POLITICAL CONDITIONS AGREED UPON AT PUERTO RICO FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO ITALY. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY ROME:

--THE ITALIANS ARE PARTICULARLY GALLED AT NOT HAVING HAD REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT FOR THE SUMMIT DISCUSSION ON ITALY.

--ITALIAN POLITICIANS OF EVERY POLITICAL STRIPE ARE CHARACTERIZING THE POLICY AS "BLACKMAIL."

--SCHMIDT'S STATEMENT, IN THE VIEW OF MANY OBSERVERS, CAN ONLY MAKE MORE DIFFICULT ANDREOTTI'S TASK OF FORMING A NEW GOVERNMENT.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE SCHMIDT STATEMENT AND THE NEW YORK TIMES STORY HAVE PROVIDED THE PCI WITH A MOST EFFECTIVE SECRET

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WEAPON TO EMBARRASS THE DC FOR NOT DEFENDING "ITALY'S DIGNITY."

IN EMBASSY PARIS' VIEW, THE GOF WILL FIND ITSELF IN A DIFFICULT POSITION WHETHER OR NOT COMMUNISTS ARE NAMED TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT:

--BY ADHERING TO THE ALLEGED PUERTO RICAN UNDERSTAND-

ING, GISCARD IS OPEN TO ACCUSATIONS OF UNDERMINING EUROPE AND INTERFERING IN ITALY'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

--WERE GISCARD TO BOW TO DOMESTIC PRESSURE AND GIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ITALY DESPITE THE PRESENCE OF COMMUNISTS IN THE CABINET, HE WOULD RISK WORSENING RELATIONS WITH SOME EUROPEAN PARTNERS AND WITH THE USG. (CONFIDENTIAL) ROME 11583 AND PARIS 20977, 7/19.)

### 3. TERRORIZING THE REIGN IN SPAIN

THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANCO UPRISING HAS OCCASIONED A WAVE OF BOMBINGS THROUGHOUT SPAIN. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY MADRID:

--THE INTENT WAS CLEARLY TO CHALLENGE THE GOVERNMENT, BUT WHETHER BY EXTREME RIGHT OR EXTREME LEFT IS UNKNOWN.

--SO FAR, NO GROUP HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOMBINGS WHICH HAVE RESULTED IN CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS, BUT ONLY ONE FATALITY.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE NATIONWIDE CHARACTER OF SOME OF THESE BOMBINGS SUGGESTS COHESIVE ORGANIZATION AND AN EFFORT TO DISRUPT THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S AUTHORITY AND PROGRAM OF MODERATE REFORMS, WHICH IS OPPOSED BY BOTH THE EXTREME LEFT AND EXTREME RIGHT. (SECRET) MADRID 5551, 7/19.)

### 4. THE CASE FOR STRONGER MILITARY TIES TO SINGAPORE

IN LIGHT OF OUR WEAKENING MILITARY POSITION IN SOUTHEAST  
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ASIA, AMBASSADOR HOLDRIDGE ARGUES THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO BEEF-UP OUR MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH SINGAPORE-- STARTING WITH THE ASSIGNMENT OF A USAF TRAINING TEAM. IN ADDITION TO TECHNICAL GROUNDS, THE AMBASSADOR CITES POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS TO JUSTIFY CLOSER TIES:

--SINGAPOREAN LEADERS ARE DEMONSTRABLY LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE KIND OF POLITICAL WAVERING WE HAVE WITNESSED RECENTLY IN OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES.

--ALTHOUGH LEE WILL CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY WITH THE NON-ALIGNED WORLD, HE WOULD BE CAPABLE OF GOING AGAINST THE TIDE IF HE CALCULATES THAT SINGAPORE'S BASIC INTERESTS ARE AT STAKE AND IF HE FEELS HE CAN COUNT ON APPROPRIATE BACKING FROM OUTSIDE FORCES, PARTICULARLY

LARLY THE US.

THE AMBASSADOR CONCLUDES THAT WE CANNOT EXPECT LEE TO  
ACCOMMODATE FULLY US INTERESTS IN SINGAPORE, BUT THE TIME  
MAY WELL COME WHEN HIS VIEW OF THE US AS A RELIABLE FRIEND  
COULD TILT THE BALANCE IN OUR FAVOR ON A MATTER OF SOME  
IMPORTANCE. (SECRET) SINGAPORE 3461 (EXDIS), 7/19.) KISSINGER

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